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Mr. Douglas Bosco  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, 11th Floor  
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Dear Mr. Bosco:

RE: Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) Sears Point Restoration Project planning, design and permitting grant,  
Sonoma County

Dear Chairman Bosco:

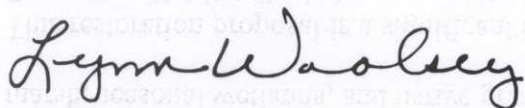
I am writing to express my support for the Sonoma Land Trust's (SLT) \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327 acre Sears Point Restoration Project. SLT's project would be the Bay Area's sole opportunity to restore an integrated mosaic of habitats that include tidal marsh, seasonal wetlands, and native grasslands growing up to 400 feet above sea level.

This restoration proposal is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Implementation Plan. It is my understanding that once completed, this project will connect the Sonoma Baylands and Tolay Creek Restoration Projects, completing the restoration of the entire bayfront. Ultimately, this project completes an entire landscape of over 4,000 acres in southern Sonoma County.

To date, SLT has secured over \$19 million in funding from federal, state, and local agencies, as well as from private foundations and individual members of the community. The additional funds being requested are necessary in order to complete the planning phase and to advance the project through to construction.

The Sears Point Restoration Project will greatly benefit the 6<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and I urge you to give this proposal your full and careful consideration. If you have any questions or comments, please contact my Grants Coordinator, Ed Sheffield, in my Santa Rosa office at (707) 542-7182.

Sincerely,



Lynn Woolsey  
Member of Congress

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April 4, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
Attn.: Tom Gandesbery  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) Sears Point Restoration Project planning, design and permitting grant,  
Sonoma County

Dear Chairman Bosco:

I'm recommending you to support SLT's \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327-acre Sears Point Restoration Project. This project presents the Bay Area's sole opportunity to restore an integrated mosaic of habitats from tidal marsh, to seasonal wetlands, to native grasslands up to 400' above sea level. This restoration is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Implementation Plan. Once complete, this project will connect the Sonoma Baylands and Tolay Creek Restoration Projects, completing the restoration of the entire bay front from the Petaluma River east to Tolay Creek. Ultimately, this project completes an entire landscape of over 4,000 acres in southern Sonoma County.

Thus far, SLT has secured over \$19 million to complete the property acquisition and the first two years of project planning. Funds have been secured from federal, state, and local agencies, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and hundreds of local organizations and community members. The funds currently requested are critical for completing the project planning and seeing the Sears Point Restoration Project to the construction phase.

SLT has successfully enlisted and maintained the support of over 40 partner organizations including agencies, NGOs, local ranchers and farmers, and their neighbors. I applaud SLT's restoration planning efforts thus far and look forward to continuing to work with them on this project. Moreover, I am grateful for your leadership role in protecting and restoring Sonoma County's open space lands along the Bay and for supporting the development of the Sears Point Restoration Project.

I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Assemblyman, 6<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

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**United States Department of the Interior  
U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE**

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**February 13, 2006**

**Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612**

**RE: Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) Sears Point Restoration Project planning, design  
and permitting grant, Sonoma County**

**Dear Chairman Bosco:**

**The San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge urges you to support SLT's \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327-acre Sears Point Restoration Project. This project presents the Bay Area's sole opportunity to restore an integrated mosaic of habitats from tidal marsh, to seasonal wetlands, to native grasslands up to 400' above sea level. This restoration is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Implementation Plan. Once complete, this project will connect the Sonoma Baylands and Tolay Creek Restoration Projects, completing the restoration of the entire bay front from the Petaluma River east to Tolay Creek. Ultimately, this project completes an entire landscape of over 4,000 acres in southern Sonoma County.**

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**I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

  
**Christy Smith  
Refuge Manager**

**M e m o r a n d u m**

To : Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

Date: February 8, 2006

Attention Tom Gandesbery

From : Robert W. Floerke, Regional Manager   
Department of Fish and Game - Central Coast Region, Post Office Box 47, Yountville, California 94599

Subject : Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) Sears Point Restoration Project Planning, Design and Permitting Grant, Sonoma County

The Department of Fish and Game (Department) supports SLT's \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327-acre Sears Point Restoration Project. This project presents a unique opportunity to restore an integrated mosaic of habitats from tidal marsh, seasonal wetlands, and native grasslands up to 400 feet above sea level. This restoration is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Implementation Plan. Once complete, this project will connect the Sonoma Baylands and Tolay Creek Restoration projects, completing the restoration of the entire bay front from the Petaluma River east to Tolay Creek. Ultimately, this project completes an entire landscape of over 4,000 acres in southern Sonoma County.

The Department is an active participant in the planning process and anticipates assuming management of at least a portion of the property once restoration is completed. The funds currently requested are critical for completing the project planning and seeing the Sears Point Restoration Project to the construction phase. Thus far, the project has received broad funding support, with \$19 million to complete the property acquisition and the first two years of project planning. Funds have been secured from federal, state, and local agencies, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and hundreds of local organizations and community members.

SLT has moved aggressively to undertake the planning process and involve partners and the public in that process. We look forward to continuing to work with them on the project. Moreover, we are grateful for the Conservancy's leadership role in protecting and restoring Sonoma County's open space lands along the Bay and for supporting the development of the Sears Point Restoration Project. We encourage you to continue your support for the project.

Douglas Bosco

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The Department supports approval of this grant. Questions concerning this memorandum should be directed to Mr. Carl Wilcox, Habitat Conservation Manager, at (707) 944-5525.

cc: Al Wright  
Wildlife Conservation Board

John Brosnan  
Sonoma Land Trust

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RE: Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) Sears Point Restoration Project planning, design and permitting grant,  
Sonoma County

Dear Chairman Bosco:

Save The Bay urges you to support SLT's \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327-acre Sears Point Restoration Project. This project presents the Bay Area's sole opportunity to restore an integrated mosaic of habitats from tidal marsh, to seasonal wetlands, to native grasslands up to 400' above sea level. This restoration is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Implementation Plan. Once complete, this project will connect the Sonoma Baylands and Tolay Creek Restoration Projects, completing the restoration of the entire bay front from the Petaluma River east to Tolay Creek. Ultimately, this project completes an entire landscape of over 4,000 acres in southern Sonoma County.

As the oldest and largest membership organization working exclusively to celebrate, protect and restore San Francisco Bay, Save The Bay recognizes that the Sears Point Restoration Project is a significant step in the revitalization of San Pablo Bay wetlands, which are critical to the health of the Bay ecosystem. Save The Bay's own community-based restoration project along Tolay Creek, in partnership with the San Pablo Bay National Wildlife Refuge, would benefit from additional restoration of this adjacent site. We have also expressed our interest in assisting SLT with future community-based restoration activities within the Sears Point Restoration project area.

Thus far, SLT has secured over \$19 million to complete the property acquisition and the first two years of project planning. The funds currently requested are critical for completing the project planning and seeing the Sears Point Restoration Project to the construction phase.

We are grateful for your leadership role in protecting and restoring Sonoma County's open space lands along the Bay and for supporting the development of the Sears Point Restoration Project. We encourage you to continue your support the project.

I encourage you to approve this grant. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



David Lewis  
Executive Director

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February 8, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
Oakland, CA 94612

RE: Sonoma Land Trust (SLT) Sears Point Restoration Project planning, design and  
permitting grant, Sonoma County

Dear Chairman Bosco:

The San Francisco Bay Trail Project urges you to support SLT's \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327-acre Sears Point Restoration Project. This project presents an amazing opportunity to restore an integrated mosaic of habitats from tidal marsh and seasonal wetlands, to native grasslands. The Bay Trail is particularly interested in this project as it will provide up to 2.5 miles of an entirely new Bay Trail alignment. The current trail alignment shown in the Bay Trail Plan for this area is on Highway 37—a most unpleasant location for a recreational pathway. In combination with the Coastal Conservancy's 1.5 miles of new Bay Trail at Sonoma Baylands, the Sears Point Restoration Project will provide an approximately 4-mile off-street shoreline path for hikers, cyclists, birdwatchers, etc.

In addition, the Bay Trail Project has been working with the City of Novato and the Marin County Open Space District to investigate alignment options between Bel Marin Keys Boulevard in Novato and the Petaluma River Bridge just west of the Sonoma Baylands Project. The momentum toward achieving a fully separated shoreline alignment in the North Bay is gathering, and the Sears Point Restoration Project is an essential component of this effort.

We applaud SLT's restoration planning efforts thus far and look forward to continuing to work with them on the project. Moreover, we are grateful for the Coastal Conservancy's leadership role in protecting and restoring Sonoma County's open space lands along the Bay and for supporting the development of the Sears Point Restoration Project. We encourage you to continue your support of the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Laura Thompson  
Bay Trail Project Manager

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February 9, 2006

Douglas Bosco, Chair  
California Coastal Conservancy  
1330 Broadway, Suite 1100  
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RE: Sonoma Land Trust Sears Point Restoration Project

Dear Chairman <sup>Dub</sup>Bosco:

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On behalf of the Board and staff of The Bay Institute (TBI). I am writing to support the Sonoma Land Trust's \$1 million grant request for planning and design funds for the 2,327-acre Sears Point Restoration Project. This extraordinary project presents a rare opportunity to integrate a mosaic of habitats from tidal marsh, to seasonal wetlands, to native grasslands. The restoration is a significant step toward achieving the objectives of the Baylands Ecosystem Habitat Goals Report and the San Francisco Bay Joint Venture Implementation Plan. It will create 4,000 acres of contiguous bay front habitat from the Petaluma River to Tolay Creek.

The Sonoma Land Trust has secured over \$19 million to acquire the property and complete two years of planning. Funds have been secured from federal, state, and local agencies, the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation, and hundreds of local organizations and community members. This request of the Coastal Conservancy will enable the Land Trust to complete the planning phase and bring the Project to construction.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Grant Davis

The Bay Institute has worked with the Land Trust and over 40 partner organizations to enable the Sears Point restoration to become reality. We commend the Land Trust's efforts and look forward to continuing our collaboration with them.

FOUNDER

Bill Davoren

The Coastal Conservancy should be very proud of the leadership they have demonstrated over the years and the considerable progress that has been achieved toward restoring this remarkable Estuary. The Conservancy has provided key support of so many cutting edge habitat restoration projects around San Francisco Bay. The Sears Point Restoration Project, like so many other Coastal Conservancy projects, provides yet another example of the Conservancy's unique ability to foster successful partnerships that leverage significant amounts of additional local and federal funding. We encourage your continued support of the Sears Point Restoration Project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
Grant Davis  
Executive Director

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